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2. [redacted] Jay Sourwine, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee staff, called to ask if we could provide him with a full text of the proceedings of the recent Moscow Communist Party Conference. I said I would see what is available and let him know.

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3. [redacted] Called Lloyd Salvetti, Administrative Assistant to Representative Hastings Keith (R., Mass.), and confirmed that we would not be able to brief the Congressman on ABM and related matters but would be glad to talk with him about the Soviet leadership situation. Salvetti said he would try to set this up for early next week and will call to confirm the date. He suggested that Mr. Keith might like to visit Headquarters for the briefing, and I said he would be most welcome.

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1. [] Accompanied Messrs. [] [] OSI, to brief Senator Howard Baker (R., Tenn.) on Soviet developments regarding controlled fusion reaction. Baker was most appreciative and commented that he had discussed this and other problems in the nuclear field with various other agencies concerned but the CIA people "really knew what they were talking about" (see Memorandum for the Record).

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2. [] Per the Director's instructions, called on Representative Leslie Arends (R., Ill.) to clarify the Agency's position on certain current controversial issues (see Memorandum for the Record).

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3. [] Met with Frank Slatinshek, Counsel, House Armed Services Committee:

a. In response to my question, Slatinshek said he was quite happy to take up the question of the Agency budget, about which he had recently inquired, with Robert Michaels, House Appropriations Committee staff. Slatinshek said that his interest arose from the fact that Chairman Pike, of the Subcommittee Investigating the Pueblo, had learned that NBC was preparing a feature TV program on the Pueblo which, among other things, raised questions about the scope and excessive cost of U.S. intelligence activities. Slatinshek said that Pike and other members of the Armed Services Committee were not particularly concerned about CIA in this regard, but were concerned about the amounts being spent by DIA and NSA.

b. I asked Slatinshek if he was aware of any criticism within the Armed Services Committee regarding the Agency's role in current controversial matters such as the SS-9 and the ABM. Slatinshek said he had heard no such criticism, that the Agency Subcommittee had apparently been quite satisfied with the Director's recent briefing, and that those in a position to know probably recognize the fact that any differences between DOD and the Agency in assessment of the Soviet threat were differences in emphasis rather than in basic facts.

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